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1. EMBASSY HAS NOTED ITEM IN WIRELESS FILE FOR APR 28 REPORTING THAT SENATOR BROOKE HAS JOINED SENATOR HUMPHREY IN SUPPORT FOR MAJOR PRIVATE FUND-RAISING DRIVE IN US, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED STATES FRIENDS OF LEBANON, INCORPORATED, TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN NAMES OF TWO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, THE AMERICAN-LEBANESE LEAGUE AND THE LEBANESE INTER-COMMUNITY COMMITTEE, WHICH ARE APPARENTLY ACTIVE IN PROVIDING AID TO LEBANON. LAST WEEK, A GROUP OF LEBANESE-AMERICANS, REPRESENTING THE "ASSOCIATION OF AMERICANS OF ARAB ORIGIN", ARRIVED IN LEBANON AND PAID A BRIEF CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS, BUT THEY DID NOT REPEAT CONTACT EMBASSY. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THEY ARE AFFILIATED WITH ONE OF THE ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS.

2. WE BELIEVE SUCH LEBANESE-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT AND USEFUL ROLE IN PROVIDING VARIOUS KINDS OF ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IF THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE PROPERLY ORGANIZED AND COORDINATED AMONG THEMSELVES, WITH USG EFFORTS, AND WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ICRC AND THE UN.

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TO ASSIST US IN PROMOTING SUCH COORDINATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS DEPARTMENT AND AID CAN PROVIDE ON ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION OF THESE GROUPS.

3. REFTTEL JUST RECEIVED. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT CONTACT MSGR. IGNACE MARON AND DR. ISSAM KOLAYAT RE CASE OF

THREE YEAR OLD WHO NEEDS EYE SURGERY AND FOR GENERAL
DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITES OF THESE VOLAGS IN LEBANON.
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